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Mister President,

Cyprus welcomes Jordan's participation in the 2nd Cycle of the UPR and thanks the Jordanian Government for the preparation of a comprehensive National Report and an indeed informative presentation by [*head of delegation*].

At the outset, my Delegation would like to commend Jordan for its commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights and recognize the noteworthy progress achieved as regards human rights issues ever since its first UPR-cycle.

Cyprus notes with satisfaction the significant efforts of the Government of Jordan to align national human rights legislation with international standards and to practically safeguard the rights and fundamental freedoms of people in all areas of civil, political, economic, social and cultural life.

Concerning the rights of women, my delegation does acknowledge the eradication of certain customary practices in Jordan with the aim of further strengthening gender equality, as well as the action undertaken to develop legislation so as to provide the fitting legal framework where women's rights can be guaranteed.

Nevertheless, as it is shrewdly stated in Jordan's National Report, more needs to be done to empower women politically and economically. In this regard, could the distinguished delegation of Jordan give examples of measures envisaged to be adopted in order to achieve this end? Can it also elaborate on ways by which participation of women in political life, both in terms of numbers and of the quality of their participation, can be increased?

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendation:

- That Jordan considers the introduction of possible amendments to its national legislation on Citizenship and Nationality, so that, with respect to such issues, men and women are treated on an equal basis before the law.

I thank you Mister President.